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## Mississippi National River and Recreation Area News Release

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### **Public Input Sought on the Scoping Document for a Nationwide Multi-Unit Wildland Fire Management Plan / Environmental Assessment** *Submit comments by April 18, 2016*

ST. PAUL, MN - The National Park Service (NPS) is soliciting public input on the proposed development of fire management plans for 27 park units nationwide, including the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area.

The NPS has prepared a scoping document that explains the purpose and need for developing fire management plans and describes the proposed action, which will be analyzed in an environmental assessment. Any area residents, business owners, local officials, organizational representatives, and others interested in this project are encouraged to download the scoping document and submit comments. Comments can be expressed as concerns, thoughts, and suggestions (such as for a new alternative) for the proposed mechanical and prescribed fire treatments and wildfire management actions described in the scoping document. The Mississippi National River and Recreation Area has a primary interest in using mechanical and prescribed burns as best management practices to control invasive and exotic species and maintain newly established native prairie and savanna areas at the Coldwater Spring Unit.

The original 30-day scoping period began on February 1, 2016, and ended on March 1, 2016. Please be advised that the public scoping period has been extended and will end on April 18, 2016, to allow more time for public input into this process.

If you wish to take advantage of the extended comment period, please submit your comments by April 18, 2016. If you have already submitted comments, there is no need to resubmit them because your initial comments have been documented.

The scoping document is available online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website. To download the document and submit your comments online, go to the NPS planning website at:

[http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nationwide\\_FMP\\_EA](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/nationwide_FMP_EA) (project name: "Nationwide Multi-Unit FMP/EA")

If you are not able to submit comments electronically on the website, then you can mail comments to

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